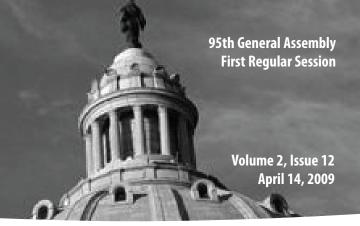
THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE



FLOOR ACTIONS

On Wednesday, April 8, the House passed **HCS HJR 10** by a vote of 85 to 72. The resolution proposes changes to the composition of nonpartisan judicial commissions to require an additional member of the general public and require Senate approval of all appointments. In addition, the Governor would receive a list of four candidates, rather than three, and could be provided a second list of candidates if necessary. These constitutional changes must be passed by a vote of the people.

The House also passed **HCS HB 30**, which requires the Department of Social Services to test applicants or recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits for the illegal use of controlled substances. This bill passed the House by a vote of 104 to 45.

The House also passed:

- **HCS HB 658 & 706**, which authorizes a tax credit up to \$25,000 for any resident taxpayer who is actively engaged in milk production. This bill passed the House by a vote of 110 to 41.
- **HCS HB 495**, which changes the laws regarding local exchange voice telecommunications carriers. This bill passed the House by a vote of 143 to 14.

Last Week

The House perfected 14 bills, third read 11 bills and passed 33 bills out of committee.

Photo of the Week



Reps. Don Calloway, Jacob Hummel and Chris Carter discuss legislation on the House floor. Calloway, Hummel and Carter are all freshman representatives from the St. Louis Area.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions as of 4/14/09 9:30 a.m.

House Bills 1,237 Filed

HBs Referred to 1,140 Committee

HBs Reported 176 Do Pass

HBs Reported 111
Do Pass Consent

HBs Perfected 149

HBs Third Read

HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate

HBs Third Read in the Senate

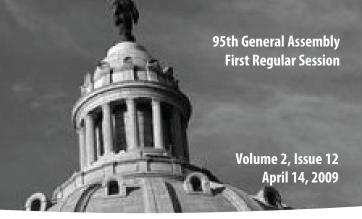
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COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Budget Committee** passed **HB15**, which appropriates money for supplemental purposes for the several departments and offices of state government, and for payment of various claims for refunds for persons, firms and corporations. (4.8.09)
- The **Ways and Means Committee** passed **HCS HB 64 & 545**, which revises the Missouri individual income tax rate schedule and increases the federal tax deduction for the individual income tax. (4.9.09)
- The **Elections Committee** passed **HCS HJR 9**, which proposes a constitutional amendment changing the laws regarding elections and voting rights. (4.8.09)
- The Energy and Environment Committee passed HCS HB 978 & 1028, which authorizes an income tax credit for homes built using green build standards. (4.9.09)
- The **Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** passed **SB 79**, which modifies the definition of "bullying" as used in school district antibullying policies to include cyberbullying and electronic communications. (4.9.09)
- The Senate Appropriations Committee passed Senate Committee Substitutes for HBs 1-13.

FAST FACTS

53 Legislative Days have passed.

There are approximately
15 legislative days until the
budget must be truly
agreed to and finally passed.

There are approximately 20 legislative days until the end of the 2009 session.

The answer to the guiz from last week is D.

Dates of Interest

- May 8 Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
 - May 15 Session ends
 - July 14 Deadline for the governor to sign bills
 - September 16-Veto session begins

Did you know?



On Wednesday, Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, visited the Capitol. Gingrich was the Minority Whip from 1989 to 1995. Since 1897, Missouri has had one majority whip, Roy Blunt (2003-2007) and two minority whips, James T. Lloyd (1901-1909) and Roy Blunt (2007-2009).